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Flow of Aluminum To Centers Spells Success of Drive

Since the official windup of the aluminum-for-defense collection Tuesday, brimful trucks in steady streams have been carting so many tons of the precious metal to Pennsylvania's 16 concentration centers that there was little doubt the state would fill its quota of more than 1,500,000 pounds.

The continuing flow of aluminum to these centers made it impossible to obtain an immediate check on the state's total. However, preliminary reports from local defense councils were optimistic almost without exception.

The experience of the concentration center at Harrisburg was typical in the state. With the aluminum collections of more than a score of communities still to be received, the center reported a total of 41,775 pounds already in its bins.

This figure included incomplete totals of 12,400 pounds from Lancaster, 7,920 pounds from York, and 15,805 pounds from Harrisburg, and complete shipments of 250 pounds from East Berlin, 770 from Lititz, 1,325 from Dillsburg, 680 from Highspire, 735 from Paxtang, 525 from Paxtonia, 1,340 from Steelton and 25 pounds from Lawton.

The concentration center at Wilkes-Barre received 16,600 pounds of aluminum on the day the collection drive officially ended. Since the scrap aluminum is urgently needed for defense, local aluminum chairmen were urged to finish shipment of their aluminum to the nearest concentration center this week.

In addition to Harrisburg and (Continued on page 4)

Consumer Meeting

Announcements were mailed today to Pennsylvania's local defense councils and their women's units inviting any who are interested to send representatives to a conference in Washington with Harriet Elliott, head of the Consumers Division in the U. S. defense setup.

The conference was arranged by Mrs. William J. Clothier, woman member of the State Council of Defense, so that local consumers advisory committees in this state can get advice on needed activities. The delegation, headed by Mrs. Clothier, will report at the Consumers Division, 25th and E streets, NW, Washington, at 11 a. m., E. S. T., on Friday, August 8.



New Official Button For Defense Councils

Following presentation of the first button to Governor Arthur H. James, as pictured above, plans are being completed now for the distribution of official Council of Defense buttons to members of local councils of defense throughout the state.

Governor James, who is chairman of the State Council, is shown receiving the red, white and blue insignia from Mrs. William J. Clothier, woman member of the Council, as Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director, looks on.

Return cards are being sent to each local defense council chairman asking him to indicate the number of badges he will need locally. The button is shown in detail in the inset above.

16 DEFENSE BULLETINS REACH 340,000 PERSONS

The 16 bulletins published by the State Council of Defense have met with such wide demand that even the 340,000 copies already distributed have not ended the flow of requests.

These requests, usually for 25 to 100 copies, have come not only from local councils of defense but from state-wide professional and patriotic groups and from the state defense councils of other states as far distant as California. Even a Pittsburgh hotel requested copies of Bulletin No. 3, which lists 12 ways for every citizen to aid in defense, to give to its employees.

The two most popular bulletins have been No. 3 and No. 4, the latter dealing with the procedure for organizing local defense councils. Now in preparation is a new bulletin, No. 17, which will describe methods of caring for animals under wartime conditions.

James Lauds Local Units; Total Is 445

(Names of county defense council chairmen appear in the following article. City and borough chairmen will be listed in the next issue).

The prompt response of local government units in setting up local councils of defense drew the personal praise of Governor Arthur H. James this week as the number of local defense councils in Pennsylvania mounted to 445.

With the job of organization thus approximately 80 per cent complete, the first objective in the civilian defense effort was within sight of attainment. The State Council of Defense Act authorized all political subdivisions to organize defense units so that the machinery for coordinated civil defense would be everywhere available.

Among the defense councils now fully functioning in the state, 50 are county units, 35 are city units, and the remaining 360 are in townships and boroughs. It is hoped soon to have county councils functioning in all of the state's 67 counties.

The plan of organization varies from county to county according to local needs. Some county and city councils operate jointly, as in the case of Lehigh County-Allentown, Dauphin County-Harrisburg, and Juniata County-Mifflintown, while in other counties, such as Northampton, the county council has vice-chairmen for its most important areas. In the majority of counties, local units op- (Continued on page 3)

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THE NEXT CALL TO DUTY

By A. C. Marts, *Executive Director*

The Aluminum Salvage Campaign is now drawing to a close and the reports that are coming from all sections of the state can only be described as amazing. Little rural communities report several hundred pounds each, and our large cities report hundreds of thousands of pounds. The people of Pennsylvania have made a demonstration of patriotism and of unselfish cooperation in the service of America that will be long treasured as an important chapter in the honorable history of this Commonwealth.

One of the most interesting aspects of this state-wide aluminum campaign has been the way in which the Councils of Defense have created their own plans for their local campaign. Each community has used its own initiative and experience and patriotism and intelligence to organize its own campaign in its own way. No "dictator" has told them how to do their duty. They have done their work the American way on their own local initiative, with enthusiasm and with self-respect and with a success far beyond anyone's expectations.

This aluminum campaign was the "first call to duty" for the Councils of Defense. The call was answered in ringing tones.

What will be the next call to duty? It is a less spectacular call than the aluminum campaign, but a very necessary one. It is the call to complete the organization of each Local Council of Defense, and appoint the sub-committees which you think will be necessary to carry out the defense program in your community.

The State Council of Defense will publish a list of members of all County, City, Borough, and Township Councils of Defense in the very near future, and we are anxious that each Council of Defense in the state should be included in this published list.

So the next call to duty is to complete your Council of Defense organ-

Local Councils Aid In Six Undertakings

In addition to completing organizational steps and acting on purely local measures of civilian defense, Pennsylvania's local defense councils have been called on by the State Council for cooperation in at least six undertakings.

Two of these undertakings — the aluminum drive and the Registration Day demonstrations on July 1 — have been successfully concluded. The other projects still under way are:

1—Establishment of homes registration offices in those communities that have actual or prospective housing shortages due to defense operations. Responsibility for setting up and staffing these offices rests with the defense councils. The first step, after need for an office is determined, is to contact Martin H. Miller, field adviser of the U. S. Division of Homes Registration, care of Council of Defense headquarters in Harrisburg.

2—Appointment of committees to organize volunteer Women's Home Defense Units to serve as the official women's division of each local council of defense. These units, subject to local defense council control, will prepare for emergency health, war relief and civil service duties.

3—Coordination of defense council activities with the emergency programs of local Red Cross chapters. Local councils should get in touch with the local Red Cross chapter on this immediately, as outlined in Bulletin No. 15 issued by the State Council of Defense.

4—Cooperation of the defense councils in Philadelphia, Scranton and Harrisburg in setting up relay centers for the U. S. Army's Aircraft Warning Service. Women volunteers will staff the centers.

ization, so that Pennsylvania may show to the world a thorough network of civilian defense from one end of this great state to the other, in which thousands of our citizens are ready to answer any call that may come to make Pennsylvania and America strong against any danger which may lie ahead.

In this day and hour, civilian strength is just as essential as military strength. Neither can save our beloved Republic at this time of danger without the other. We have faith in our armed forces to do their full duty if called upon. I wonder if they have equal faith in us—the civilians.

It is your duty and my duty to prepare our civilian defenses fully and without delay. The next call to duty in civilian defense is to complete the organization of all County, City, and Local Councils of Defense in Pennsylvania.

After that, other calls to duty will come. Let us all get our organization ready now, to be able to answer these later calls.

Six Field Organizers Assist Local Councils

Six field representatives have now been appointed by the State Council of Defense and are at work giving assistance on problems of organization and program to local councils of defense in their districts.

The six representatives and the counties to which they have been assigned are:

James J. McDonald — Philadelphia, Delaware, Montgomery, Chester, and Bucks counties.

C. W. Bennett — Luzerne, Lackawanna, Schuylkill, Columbia, Sullivan, Tioga, Bradford, Susquehanna, and Wyoming counties.

Harry Hirsch — Berks, Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon, Monroe, Pike, and Wayne counties.

Richard Mehring — Franklin, Adams, York, Lancaster, Lebanon, Dauphin, Cumberland, Perry, Juniata, and Mifflin counties.

Bayard Maust — Jefferson, Clearfield, Indiana, Cambria, Blair, Huntingdon, Fulton, Bedford, and Somerset counties.

John G. Watson — Allegheny, Lawrence, Butler, Armstrong, Beaver, Westmoreland, Washington, Fayette and Greene counties.

Other staff members of the State Council, in addition to Executive Director A. C. Marts and Secretary A. Boyd Hamilton, are Mrs. E. A. Van Valkenburg, women's division representative; Mrs. Jean D. Doverspike, director of the speakers' bureau; Thomas Kilroy, finance officer; and Richard V. Wall, director of publicity.

NON-PARTISANSHIP IS BASIC DEFENSE RULE

A model for non-partisanship and unity in local councils of defense is provided by the State Council of Defense itself.

Made up of leaders of the two great political parties, the State Council membership meets and works together with the fullest cooperation and enthusiasm. Only one guiding standard—what is best for the defense and protection of our homes and our nation—is worthy of the attention either of the State Council or of the local councils throughout the Commonwealth.

PUBLICITY IS VALUABLE AID TO LOCAL COUNCILS

Appointment of wide-awake publicity chairmen to keep local newspapers, radio stations and movie houses fully informed on local civilian defense plans should be one of the first steps taken by each council of defense.

Defense is news—the biggest news in our papers today—and the publicity chairman will have little trouble "selling" his news items and announcements to the local news media.

JAMES LAUDS LOCAL UNITS*(From Page 1)*

erate separately but are coordinated with the county council.

County councils now functioning and their chairmen are:

Adams—Judge W. C. Sheely, Gettysburg; Armstrong — Ben Glenn, Leechburg; Beaver—Art W. Coombs, Beaver; Berks—John S. Giles, Reading; Bradford—Edward R. Innes, Canton; Bucks—Thornton Lewis, Doylestown; Cambria—H. F. Dorr, Ebensburg; Cameron — J. A. Haley, Emporium; Carbon — Homer R. Kern, Palmerton; Centre—Charles E. Freeman, Philipsburg.

Chester—Judge W. Butler Windle, West Chester; Clearfield — B. Earl Shirey, Clearfield; Clinton — F. A. Shroat, Lock Haven; Columbia—Charles C. Housenick, Bloomsburg; Crawford — Dr. Paul H. Giddens, Meadville; Cumberland — Irwin Galt, Carlisle; Delaware—James B. Miller, Media; Elk—C. Paul Paddock, Ridgeway; Erie — Joe Desmond, Corry; Greene—Judge Challen W. Waychoff, Waynesburg.

Indiana — Steele Clarke, Indiana; Juniata—Jay S. Auker, Mifflintown; Lackawanna—M. J. Martin, Scranton; Lancaster—Col. J. Hale Steinman, Lancaster; Lawrence — Dr. Fulton Jackson, New Castle; Lebanon—Major Harry D. Case, Lebanon; Lehigh—General Frank D. Beary, Allentown; Luzerne—Col. Thomas H. Atherton, Wilkes-Barre; Lycoming—S. B. Heim, Williamsport.

McKean—E. G. Potter, Smethport;

Governor's Statement Praising Local Units

"The mayors, county commissioners and burgesses of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve our heartiest praise for their prompt response to the State Council of Defense's request for the appointment of Local Councils of Defense. Within less than three months their patriotic and energetic action has brought into being a network of 445 Local Councils of Defense ready and eager to do their full part in making this Commonwealth strong and determined in this hour of peril.

"We are grateful also to the 10,000 citizens who are serving on these Councils and their sub-committees, and to the newspapers and radio stations and hundreds of organizations which are stimulating and supporting this movement for civilian defense.

"We are especially pleased that these 445 Councils of Defense are proceeding to do their work in the American tradition of local initiative and responsibility. Many directives will be sent to them from Washington and from Harrisburg, but their real program and power will be generated by each Local Council when the members get together and work out measures for their civil defense which are most needed in their particular communities."

News From the Other Councils

Three local governments have named former adjutant generals of Pennsylvania to head their councils of defense. The joint Allentown-Lehigh County council has as its co-chairman General Frank D. Beary, who was adjutant general under four governors, while Scranton has named General David J. Davis, holder of the office from 1931 to 1935, and Clearfield borough has appointed General Frederick B. Kerr, adjutant general from 1935 to 1939.

At the request of Mayor Charles R. Barber and the local council of defense, the Erie Chamber of Commerce has set aside space in its headquarters for an Erie homes registration office. J. K. Shields, C. of C. secretary, is in charge of the service.

Although virtually every cent of Narberth borough's anticipated income was already budgeted, the council agreed to "squeeze out a

Montgomery—Guier S. Wright, Bryn Mawr; Montour — Clyde A. Patton, Danville; Northampton — E. Albert Boyer, Easton; Perry—Walter P. McNaughton, New Bloomfield; Snyder—Charles C. Coleman, Beavertown; Sullivan — A. F. Snyder, Dushore; Susquehanna—L. G. O'Brien, Montrose; Tioga—Walter G. Clark, Wellsboro; Union—Prof. Frank P. Boyer, Mifflinburg; Warren — A. M. Gibson, Warren.

Washington—Hon. J. Brady Marble, Washington; Wayne — A. W. Howell, Honesdale; Westmoreland—Leonard Keck, Greensburg; Wyoming—Robert Trembath, Tunkhannock; York—Harry B. Anstine, York.

GETS 200,000 POUNDS

The concentration center at Pittsburgh overflowed with 200,000 pounds of aluminum on the day after the drive closed. The metal was piled in the basin of Lake Elizabeth.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED TO SUPPORT NEGROES

Copies of a formal resolution adopted this week by the State Council of Defense have been mailed to Negro leaders to assure them of support in their efforts against discrimination in defense hirings.

The resolution recommends to Pennsylvania employers "that no discriminatory regulations be invoked against any race, class or creed in placing men and women in defense industries" and "that the American spirit of equal opportunity for all and personal qualifications be made the sole criterion for employment in all jobs."

"few dollars here and there" for the local defense council. The Harrisburg city council set aside \$1,200 for expenditures of its defense unit.

With no set number of members established by law, the size of local councils of defense ranges from 200 members in Pittsburgh to nine members in Donora. Philadelphia's unit has 23 members. In some communities, representatives have been named for each of the eight fields of authority given to the councils.

The Cresson council of defense not only endorsed the United Service Organizations' fund-raising drive but took active charge of the solicitations in that community.

In order to get community-wide participation, the defense council of Aliquippa obtained names from various local societies of persons who would volunteer for defense work. More than 1500 names were submitted.

McKeesport's American Legion post joined with the local council of defense in planning establishment of an emergency hospital in the 11th ward school. The post will provide cots, pads, and other hospital equipment.

Pottstown's local council of defense organized, selected officers and outlined an extensive program of activities—all in one night. . . . In Phoenixville, two defense units were formed, one of women and the other of men. . . . Selection of a defense council for Elizabeth was placed in the hands of the American Legion.

Even before Hollidaysburg had completed organization of its defense council, plans were launched for formation of auxiliary police, air raid and fire warden units.

Union County has contributed a new idea for morale-building. The council of defense there is sponsoring "Freedom Forums" for public discussion of the national emergency. The first forum drew 102 persons.

Northampton County's council of defense, headed by E. Albert Boyer, divided the county into five administrative areas with the following area chairmen: W. E. Lewis, Bethlehem; Elton E. Stone, Easton; Oliver H. Smith, Portland; Paul Lentz, Northampton; H. P. Yeissley, Nazareth.

Aluminum Scraps

Lebanon County's aluminum drive was so well organized that 30 minutes after the pickup started the first truck arrived from Cornwall with 500 pounds of aluminum. In short order, 42 trucks had yielded eight tons and it was safely stored in the Lebanon jail yard.

The McDonald council of defense carried off a successful aluminum campaign hard on the heels of conducting the community's U. S. O. drive, in which it raised \$112 more than the quota. Sound trucks and handbills were used to good effect in the metal campaign.

A large aluminum broiler that turned up in Lancaster's drive was inscribed thus: "I Hope This Gets Hitler." . . . Among other items contributed in the bangup campaign there were three artificial legs and five washing machines.

Ceremonies celebrating success of the aluminum drive in Plains were featured by the participation of "Abe Lincoln" — depicted by a tall Plains citizen. The ceremonies were held near a huge pile of aluminum stacked in front of the American Legion home.

Berwick's ash collector Delbert Howard had been saving old aluminum to sell on the market, but when the local campaign got underway he contributed it all to the "keep 'em flying" cause.

Steelton collected 1340 pounds in one day, including an aluminum beer barrel . . . In Pittston broken parking meters were donated . . . Mon-tour County used the bandstand at Danville courthouse as its aluminum bin . . . Curwensville had three-minute speakers at the local theatre for three nights preceding the pickup.

Boy Scouts played a major role in the aluminum campaign and even on vacation some of them joined in the drive. Scouts at Camp Lavigne near Bloomsburg canvassed all the surrounding rural homes in Sugarloaf township.

Boys taking an NYA machine shop course at Monroeton melted down their aluminum contributions into a large plaque inscribed with the words: "Made by NYA boys in Monroeton Machine shop. Their contribution to the aluminum drive."

Towanda, in a one-day drive, contributed approximately 2100 pounds of aluminum, nearly three times the community's quota. An hour after the fire whistle signaled beginning of the drive, the first truck rolled in to the courthouse with a brimming load.

Air Warning Posts Nearly All Filled

Registration of women volunteers for duty in the Harrisburg filter center of the U. S. Army Aircraft Warning Service was carried out this week under sponsorship of the State Council of Defense.

Volunteers had already been enlisted for the filter center at Scranton and the information center at Philadelphia, the two other Pennsylvania points where reports of enemy aircraft will be sent by men stationed at 1200 outdoor spotter posts. The system is to get a tryout soon so that it will be ready in case of emergency.

Several hundred women have been signed up at each of the centers and will be trained for typing, switchboard and map-plotting duties, so that they can report enemy aircraft positions to Mitchell Field, New York. The recruiting has been directed by Mrs. E. A. VanValkenburg, of the State Council of Defense staff, with the aid of the local defense councils.

DEFENSE RECREATION PLANS BEING PUSHED

Steps to improve recreational opportunities—one of the eight spheres of responsibility assigned to councils of defense—have been undertaken in a number of localities, especially those affected by an influx of defense workers or soldiers.

Chester, where 20,000 new industrial workers are expected this year on top of an already bulging total of 35,000, has organized a Citizens' Recreation Council to improve the admittedly poor recreation conditions there. This program is expected later to be absorbed by the local defense council.

In both Harrisburg and Hershey, committees are working on recreation plans for the thousands of nearby soldiers. Middletown, with 600 soldiers and 3,000 civilian workers at the Army Air Depot, also is busy on a new recreation program.

Arthur T. Noren, regional recreation representative of the Social Security Agency, is spending much of his time in assisting recreational committees in Pennsylvania.

FLOW OF ALUMINUM

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Wilkes-Barre, centers are located at Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Erie, Johnstown, Scranton, Pottsville, Reading, DuBois, New Castle, Altoona, Lewisburg, Easton, Williamsport and Bradford.

This week the State Council of Defense, which has been directing the drive in Pennsylvania in cooperation with local councils, forwarded official weight and delivery forms to local chairmen to facilitate certification of the amount of aluminum collected in each community.

Speakers' Bureau Offers Services

Letters offering to provide speakers who will discuss the civilian defense program have been sent to a long list of state-wide organizations by Mrs. Jean D. Doverspike, director of the State Council of Defense speakers' bureau.

The bureau already has obtained speakers for many local and regional meetings, including programs arranged by local councils of defense, and is being called on daily for this service. In this way a clearer understanding of defense activities and the peril which our nation faces is being spread throughout the state.

Among the speakers who already have filled speakers' bureau assignments are Dr. A. C. Marts, Mrs. Doverspike, Secretary of Internal Affairs William S. Livengood, Jr., Auditor General F. Clair Ross, Deputy Attorney General Harrington Adams, Dr. C. C. Klein, executive secretary of the Pittsburgh council of defense, and Attorney Joseph McIntosh, of Carlisle.

Speakers who have just been enlisted for future engagements include: William F. B. Koelle, Philadelphia; R. G. Bostwick and Charles Christler, both of Pittsburgh; Dr. William H. Coleman, Lewisburg; Senator George Wade, Camp Hill; Representative Ray Taylor, Thomas C. Evans, and H. Ober Hess, all of Harrisburg; and Ralph C. Bennett, Beaver.

Women's Units In 39 Counties Now

At least 39 counties are represented in the list of 59 boroughs and cities that have reported the organization of Women's Home Defense Units as the official women's division of their local councils of defense.

In addition, eight county councils have established women's units, according to advices sent to Mrs. William J. Clothier, woman member of the State Council of Defense. Mrs. Clothier has asked all local defense councils to set up such units.

In the aluminum campaign, which was one of the first three activities in which women's units were asked to participate, the showing of the women was commendable. The other two activities under way are registrations of women volunteers and cooperation with Red Cross chapters.

The women volunteers will take up war relief, consumer interests, health and auxiliary defense work according to the needs of their own locality. Special training will be given them by Red Cross instructors and others for duties requiring technical knowledge.